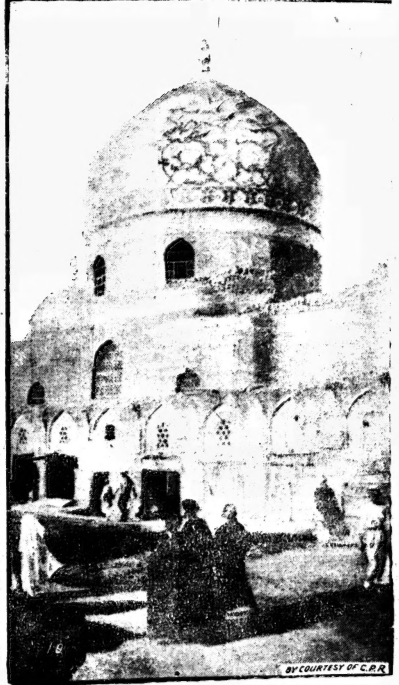
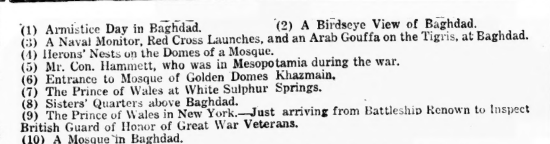


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BAGHDAD AND THE MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN



- (1) Armistice Day in Baghdad.
- (2) A Birdseye View of Baghdad.
- (3) A Naval Monitor, Red Cross Launches, and an Arab Gouffa on the Tigris, at Baghdad.
- (4) Herons' Nests on the Domes of a Mosque.
- (5) Mr. Con. Hammett, who was in Mesopotamia during the war.
- (6) Entrance to Mosque of Golden Domes Khazmian.
- (7) The Prince of Wales at White Sulphur Springs.
- (8) Sisters' Quarters above Baghdad.
- (9) The Prince of Wales in New York—Just arriving from Battleship Renown to Inspect British Guard of Honor of Great War Veterans.
- (10) A Mosque in Baghdad.

THE PRINCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Prince of Wales captured the hearts of the people of the United States just as he did the hearts of the Canadians. Enthusiastic receptions greeted him everywhere he went. In Washington he made a profound impression among American statesmen, and in that capital as well as in all the other cities visited the Prince was idolized by the people, who were glad to learn that an English Prince can be as democratic as the humblest of his countrymen. The Prince was made a free-man of New York city. When leaving there he promised to see the United States soon again. The visit just completed will no doubt add to the friendly relations that exist between the British Empire and the great American Republic.

THE BRITISH AT BAGHDAD.

With the eyes of the world concentrated on that all important area known as "The Western Front," the arena of the greatest crusade in the world's history, the progress of Great Britain's lesser campaigns have passed almost unnoticed. Yet the successful occupation of Mesopotamia was the termination of all Germany's hopes in the East; and in no other area of the war has British prestige suffered greater vicissitudes. With the surrender of that ill-fated band of heroes under General Townshend our prestige in our vast Eastern possessions was at its lowest, and in no instance has it been more brilliantly upheld than in the subsequent route of the Turkish and the British occupation of all that vast territory. No other campaign has exemplified with greater clarity the pertinacity of British troops in the face of almost unsurmountable difficulties; no other campaign in proportion has placed a heavier toll on the lives, health and reason of the Empire's defenders. It is not my purpose in this short article to describe the military operation in detail; these are already, or will in time be adequately recorded in literature. I can, however, try to visualize to all who live under the protection of the British flag the untiring and heroic efforts which have been made to reduce these vast deserts peopled by nomadic and often recalcitrant tribes to some semblance of law and order. The rise and fall of civilization in this country has been affected more than any other by the energy or the laziness of its various conquerors, of which the British occupation is the addition of but one more to a list which comprises all the preceding Empires which are recorded in history. Like a page from the history of the great East, the British occupation has been marked by the same remorseless ruthlessness against the enemy, the continual depredations of nomads on its long line of march, the unending toll on the lives of brave men by excessive heat and lack of water and transport, and the same age of every scourge and disease that the flesh of man is heir to. Following in the wake of our disease-stricken emigrants, but victorious troops have gone the first missionaries of British rule, intent on carrying the initial propaganda of the Empire's political policy into the vastnesses of the desert; here maintaining the allegiance of one wandering tribe, there being foully murdered and his body subjected to all the indecencies which religious fanaticism can prescribe. It is in these byways of the world that the Empire puts its greatest test on the loyalty of its subjects.

A contrast of the conditions in Baghdad under Turkish and British rule is in itself a conclusive testimony to the beneficial results which have accrued to the population of this town under our regime. Needless to say the Baghdad of today is very different to the same city in the time of the Great Caliph. It has that worn and dissipated look which is sometimes seen in a man who after a prosperous youth and prime middle-age drags out his remaining years in poverty and make-believe. Any romance which may have existed among its dissipated lords of martial law have successfully exterminated. The bazaars, at one time the richest in the East, consist now of loose shabby alleys of mere holes in the walls, punctuated by gaps of brilliant light where the roofs have fallen in; these spaces only serving to accentuate the lawlessness of the wars and the filth of the merchants. Handicrafts are confined to the crudest only of workmanship, a sufficient indication of the centuries of poverty which by a miracle the place has been able to survive.

At the taking of the city the street bazaars, houses and people were in an appalling condition too loathsome to describe. It is remarkable that any one who entered a Turkish hospital ever left it alive, for on our arrival the patients were slowly being devoured by parasites in the most obnoxious atmosphere and with it is possible to imagine. Conditions in this last respect are so entirely different now, that I can truthfully say that with a few reservations the hospitals of this town can compare very favorably with our home institutions. The streets and bazaars are now clean, wholesome and moderately passable. There are special sanitary police, who attend to and prevent the necessity for scavenging, a condition very different to affairs under the regime of the Turks, when the streets were the receptacle for all rubbish and the scavenging left to dogs and crows. Since our arrival the main streets, principal houses, hospitals and public buildings are lit through-out by electricity and furnished with electric fans for the first time in their long and varied history.

This area of Mesopotamia, which under an obnoxious system of irrigation long since destroyed, enjoyed great prosperity and ranked as the greatest grain producing country in the then known world is with the completion by British engineers of the dam across the Euphrates on a far way to a return of some of its old grandeur. Efficiently governed its population conserved by modern hygiene, communications opened up by railway construction, may quite easily become once again the half-way house between the markets of the Far East and the West.

G. HAMMETT.





Now the fighting was not wholly a since some inflammatory spirits had been forced to take a hand because of army blows delivered randomly, and the whole took on a tawdry that stirred the blood of others, so that the red flag among the battle, spirit of force in the bull ring.

It was about time for something to drop. At last Hollingsworth said as much, and he was supposed to know considerable about the customary loss of life in the bull ring during these affairs.

Accordingly Hobson kept one eye on the male, while with the other he watched the barracks closely, knowing that it was from this quarter the denouement might be expected.

No one was in the whole affair seemed to care and dried very much after the pattern of a stage performance. The good friend was highly amused and clapped his hands as a signal, he remarked in the ear of his friend and marked the said Hollingsworth to grin broadly.

Who in this instance is no other than the running of the show, it was over an interesting sight, who dramatic spectacle where the crowd rushed upon the stage, and the whole affair was a scene of watching the fire-arms whirling out of the quarters where the regular bell sounds—so that every-thing appeared normal, even if occurring regularly once every year.

Weather Velasquez did give the signal, or he was undoubtedly the director, and in all San Juan no man could have been more than a spectator in order to secure the most profitable results.

The rioting had reached a certain point of confusion, a dead-line previously marked for action, when the doors of the barracks flew open.

Thousands of eyes had been fastened on that same quarter, and the first motions of action, a genuine sigh of relief seemed to run through the vast assembly, and the crowd, as the rioters still held sway, and he knew full well that the war, that was old and bitter, had been appreciated, this business being the power of words to an audience that had been kept waiting for a favor-able denouement.

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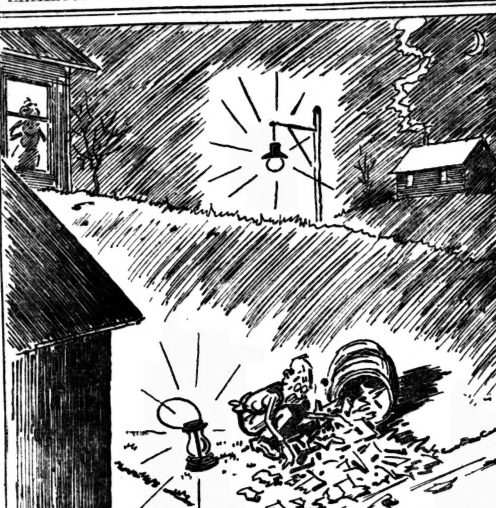
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THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THIRD CHAPTER
JANE UNEXPECTEDLY MAKES HER FIRST SOLO FLIGHT.

Serg took the job of completing my airplane education with unexpected alacrity. He "wasn't used to ladies," he had told Jim, and so often as I wanted to use it. On the contrary, he was always eager to do so. Practice in making landings was what I most needed, and my need having been met, I was now ready to go on to the next stage, waiting for Serg, who had gone to give his mechanics some instructions.

The self-starter had been stalled for several days. I had heard the boys goss about it as to whether or not it would ever be good for anything again.

I myself had my doubts. I pushed over the lever which turned on the juice. To my vast astonishment, it happened to be one of the mornings when Serg's contraption little pet plane to do the right thing. The engine turned over—faster and faster—and my first taxi down the field.

My airplane was running away with me!

I knew the danger of that field—a rail and embankment cross, and my path only a little way before me. Running into it would mean complete destruction of my precious plane.

I had no time to think. I was off. I had no time to think. I was off. I had no time to think. I was off.

As soon as I had made my take-off, I realized that I must keep going up and up—into the blue—before I could come down with safety. In fact, I must keep going until I was high enough to make a complete circle of my own making. For just one awful moment I had a very bad scare. My bus flopped from side to side like a wounded bird, and by remembering Jim's instructions to neutralize the controls I managed to level off at all.

I felt that it was very good to find myself alive, after that. I suppose that a girl in a runaway airplane ought to have some intense emotions—some poetical thoughts upon finding herself alone in the skies—a human lost in the universe! But the thought never came into my mind. I was too busy trying to get down to the ground.

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A SECRETARY FOR LIBERALS HAD SUFFERED FOR 25 YEARS

Ferguson Feels Like He Has New Lease On Life Since Tanlac Built Him Up

Andrew Haydon, Ottawa Lawyer, is Man Appointed.

By Experience in Party Administration Work and Law.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Andrew Haydon, M. A. barrister of Ottawa, has been appointed General Secretary of the National Liberal Organization, and will assume the duties at once. The appointment was made on Saturday at a meeting of the Executive of the committee which was held in the office of the Leader of the Opposition, and at which Hon. Mr. King presided.

The following statement was made public after the meeting: "The appointment of Mr. Haydon as General Secretary of the National Liberal Organization marks another step in carrying out the plan of national organization and union of the Liberal convention in August last."

In order that all matters pertaining to the future of Liberalism in Canada might be administered in a more unified and efficient manner, the adoption of the Liberal platform was decided by the convention, and the party's affairs should thereafter be administered by a National Liberal Organization, which should be representative of the Liberal thought and opinion in all the provinces of the Dominion.

The committee of 64 members has since been formed and was in session in Ottawa for two days, during which it was at a meeting of the Executive of the National Liberal Organization. Mr. Haydon's appointment was made at that time.

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The conference covered a wide range of subjects, and a brief official statement issued at the close of the conference said the agreements were arrived at on all outstanding points.

The London political writers are at wide variance regarding the proceedings of the conference, none of them apparently being really informed as to what has transpired.

The executive, which held the meeting was composed of the following: Chairman, Mr. W. H. Moore, of Ingersoll; Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of Ingersoll; Inspector Henry Ward, B. A., of Toronto, treasurer of the committee; Mr. C. G. Fraser, secretary; Mr. J. Munro, B. A., of Hamilton; Miss A. M. Buthorn, of Toronto; Miss M. A. Hamilton, of Toronto; Mr. W. E. Foster, of Brantford; Mr. T. A. Reid and Margaret Kerr, of Hamilton, and J. T. Short, of Swanton.

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